

Northampton Policing Review Commission  
Policies and Services Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 15, 2021  
6:30PM-8:00PM  
by Zoom

**Join Via zoom Link**

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1. Call to Order by meeting chair, Nick Fleisher
  - a. Announcement of Zoom Recording
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Approval of Minutes
2. 15 minutes open to public comment.
3. Smith College relations with town and Public Safety – Nnamdi
4. Core values for building consensus – Elizabeth
5. Topics for final committee report – individual views
6. Discussion of meeting with Police Chief
7. New Business
8. Proposed Agenda for next meeting
9. Adjourn

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Nick Fleisher at 6:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Nick Fleisher present David Hoose present Elizabeth**

**Barajas-Roman not present Nnamdi Pole present Cynthia**

**Suopis present**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING**

Commissioner Nick Fleisher made an announcement that this meeting was being recorded for the public record. The recording will be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

## **2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **3. Topics for final committee report – individual views**

Commissioner Nnamdi Pole offered an update on Smith College. He said he had Smith send him a document where they outline the extent of dependence on the Northampton Police Department. He suggested having an open discussion now about whether somebody from Smith should come and speak.

Commissioner Nnamdi Pole shared his screen and reviewed the document.

Commissioner Nnamdi Pole said he asked the head of public safety, basically the chief of police on the campus to outline for us when they use deadly force.

Commissioner David Hoose said he has been around long enough to remember when Smith had a separate entity, and then they merged with some of the other colleges to form one police force is my understanding now that they've disbanded that and gone back to having their own force.

Commissioner Nnamdi Pole said there's a history where exactly as you laid it out, and it was only in the last couple of years, where they made the decision that they wanted to retain the control of their own public safety.

Commissioner Cynthia Suopis said she's always viewed this committee as informative reporting. She said the committee needs to make a list of things to ask the chief, for instance about property tax and traffic, because the committee's time is running out and it's got to wrap this up.

## **8. Adjourn**

**Commissioner David Hoose moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Commissioner Nnamdi Pole seconded the motion. The motion adjourn is passed unanimously.**